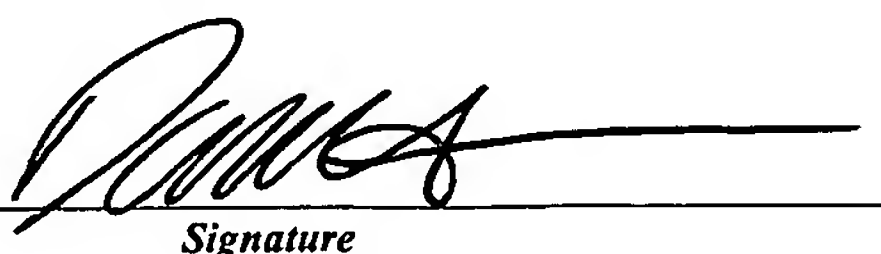
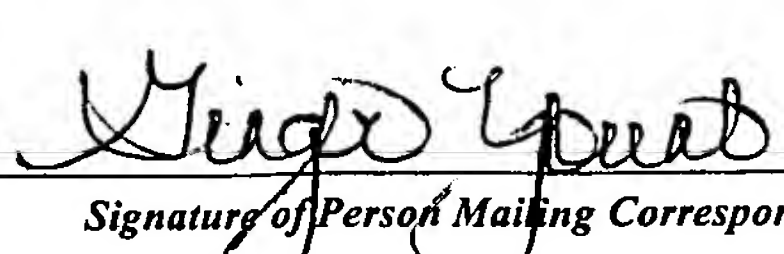


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Invention: High-Pressure Explosive Retention Device						
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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